

Fundraisers return to the pool



Elsa Fawell, seven. Ref:133639-33



The Maidenhead Marlins Tuna team. Ref:133639-15



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Royal Borough mayor Cllr John Story with Julia White. Ref:133639-2



Anne Cork and Deborah Aresu. Ref:133639-1

Maidenhead: Swimarathon back after pandemic absence

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There were 'good feelings all round' at Braywick Leisure Centre at the weekend as the Lions Club of Maidenhead welcomed back swimmers for its delayed Swimarathon.

Having been postponed from January, the event was the club's 36th and the first at the new centre.

It was also a return to some normality for those taking part, with larger-scale events such as these being off-limits for the past 16 months.

And the event returned big sums for charity again on

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The Maidenhead Lions Swimarathon returned at the weekend. The event was the Club's 36th and the first at the Braywick Leisure Centre, with organisers calling the return of the physical event after so long 'euphoric'.

Sunday, with Lions Club secretary Brenda Butler confident that at least £25,000 had been raised for good causes - and she expected this to rise.

This was despite a smaller number of teams entering due to COVID-19, and a different

layout to previous years, with safety precautions taken.

More than 800 swimmers took part, with 12 hours worth of swimming built up between 7am and 7pm.

A total of 24 organisations were represented, including 12 schools, as well as sports and youth groups, disabled groups and churches.

The Swimarathon was also helped along with the assistance of 49 volunteers, which included members from Maidenhead Bridge and Maidenhead Rotary Clubs.

Each team nominated a good cause to benefit from their swim, with donations



Edward Dawson and Flynt Parkinson, both 10, take to the water. Ref:133639-19

